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## ELEPHANT BUTTE DAM AND ITS STATUS

### Felix Martinez Issues Statement Relative to Efforts Being Made.

Editor El Paso Herald:

In view of the constant calls for information on this office concerning the status of affairs and the progress of the work in the Rio Grande project, known as the Elephant Butte dam and canal system, the office of the Water Users' association has thought proper to answer all questions by means of the press, and to state that the progress of legal and final arrangements to facilitate the starting of vigorous activity in the project, has been steady and progressive since the finding of the award by the commission of condemnation proceedings.

While we must all agree that we have been considerably delayed, for some reason or other, in the past, yet at this stage of the proceedings, under the circumstances, the progress of the work since the 10th of April has been unceasing and steady.

### Senators Help.

The committee of senators that visited us has also been indefatigable in its efforts to pass the bond issue that will facilitate the work without seeking any other recourse until finished, and have done nothing that would in any way be of detriment to our part of the project.

The president and secretary have both stated clearly and unequivocally their position, in earnestly pushing the work and complying with the specific agreement of the United States and Mexico in the treaty, and have asked the engineers to change by way to some estimates of the cost for a certain length of time, which we take it is for the purpose of raising enough money to start the work at the earliest possible moment, even should the passage of the bond bill fail, which is not expected.

The office of the Water Users' association in this city has been in daily communication with every section concerned in the progress of the work, and doing all possible from this end to bring about success.

Through the kindness and valuable services of Hon. Enrique C. Creel, secretary of foreign affairs of the republic of Mexico, we have been furnished with every information asked for, concerning the operations through the Mexican ambassador in Washington, to bring about speedy action and conclusive understanding of the time required for the finishing of the work, concerning the treaty between both countries, and it is quite assuring for us to know that Mr. Creel will have this matter directly in his hands hereafter, where his country is so much interested as well as our own.

Felix Martinez, Chairman Executive Committee, El Paso Valley Water Users' Association.

## HEARST MAKES REPLY TO GAYNOR

### Declares There Was No Attempt at Falsifying. Asks Questions.

New York, April 26.—Mayor Gaynor and William E. Hearst both issued statements on the issue of veracity raised at the joint banquet of the Associated Press and the Newspaper Publishers' association, when the mayor said that Mr. Hearst was a forger and a falsifier.

Mr. Hearst's statement in part follows: "I am not entirely familiar with all the accusations against mayor Gaynor or his attempt to divert attention from him by an attack on the American. I have just returned from Mexico."

"His attack upon the American is entirely disingenuous and wholly untruthful. Only when it is analyzed, is it that the American failed to print clearly the date on a photograph facsimile of one of the documents in the case against him, although the American carried the same date of the same document clearly printed in type in the text of the article."

"What a petty quibble for an important man or rather what a quibble for a petty man, who holds an important position."

"No Mistakenness. "Anybody who knows the ability of the gentleman who edit the American, knows that if they had desired to omit the date of any documents they would not have been so childish as to print the date conspicuously in the type while they were leaving it out of the picture."

"Finally, anybody who can read and think, can see clearly that the date in question is not the important one, any how, but that the important date is the date of January 4, the date in mayor Gaynor's administration upon which

the payment to Colahan of \$48,000 was finally signed and actually authorized. The January signature was affixed by the assistant chamberlain in the office of Chamberlain Hyde, Mr. Gaynor's law partner.

"Gaynor's Thick Hyde." "This latter gentleman, who is popularly known as 'Gaynor's thick-hyde,' is not only Gaynor's law partner, but the person who figured conspicuously in Gaynor's golf ball decision in favor of race track gambling."

"The two constitute the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde of law and politics. "Mr. Chamberlain Hyde claims that his assistant chamberlain is a holdover from the last administration."

"But assuredly he is a very pertinent holdover, for he is still assistant chamberlain, although the last administration has been for months out of office."

"Mr. Hyde might go so far as to explain why this same assistant chamberlain was not allowed to sign the Colahan warrant under the last administration and why he was allowed to sign the warrant under the present administration."

**Asks Some Questions.** "Why do not Mr. Gaynor and his 'thick-hyde' discuss the date of January 4, about which there is no question of bad printing, about which there is merely a question of bad administration?"

"Why do Mr. Gaynor and Mr. Hyde so earnestly seek to avoid the real question at issue and to devote themselves to the technicalities of newspaper printing?"

"Mr. Gaynor says that the American does not print clearly."

"I say that Mr. Gaynor does not answer clearly."

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## DANIEL BOONE HOME MADE INTO PARK

### Monument Is Dedicated to the Intrepid Kentuckian By His Admirers.

### PATRIOTIC ARE THE EXERCISES

Salisbury, N. C., April 26.—To the memory of that famous pioneer, Daniel Boone, civilizer of the North Carolina and Kentucky wilderness, founder of Boonesborough, Ky., and central figure and hero in the many boyhood stories of Indian fighting and hunting tales, memorials were ceremoniously dedicated at Holman's Ford, near here, today. These promise to become a mecca for patriotic pilgrims.

On the historic spot where Boone spent 19 years of his vigorous young manhood, hunting and resisting the skulking redskin, patriotic North Carolinians have erected on the exact site of the old homestead, a few hundred yards from the Yadkin river, a new log cabin, a replica of the one occupied by the intrepid hunter and his family. Directly in front of the simple building stands a handsome shaft of native Roman granite forming an Indian arrow head 15 feet high and mounted upon a massive base. Ornamenting this is a bronze tablet bearing the name Daniel Boone and the date of his residence in North Carolina. Both of these memorials were dedicated with appropriate ceremonies in which many of the direct descendants of Boone, and a score of others who boast of their relationship to the pioneer participated.

**An Elaborate Program.** An elaborate program of exercises had been arranged for the event. J. R. McRary, president of the Daniel Boone Memorial association, was master of ceremonies, and governor William W. Kitchin, president. The chief addresses were delivered by Judge Jeter C. Pritchard, of the United States circuit court of appeals, and representative Page, of the seventh North Carolina district.

The picturesque cabin which was dedicated today, the replica of the great pioneer that it contains, and the bronze tablet designed to perpetuate his memory, are fruits of the work of the Daniel Boone Memorial association, incorporated by the general assembly of North Carolina in 1909. The association was created a corporation with power to hold lands, erect suitable memorials, collect historical materials and such other things as are necessary to perpetuate the memory of the life of Daniel Boone in North Carolina. The association is composed of 11 men, of whom J. R. McRary, of Lexington, is chairman, and it is vested with the power to perpetuate itself.

**To Make Beautiful Spot.** The memorial association has only begun its work. It intends to make of this beautiful and picturesque spot, a mecca for pilgrims from everywhere. It is about 12 miles from Lexington in one direction and an equal distance from Salisbury in the other. The very spirit of the mighty hunter and hero seems to hover in the air itself and echoes from the distant past can be heard in the rippling waters of the Yadkin, and in the sighing of the winds in the trees which surround the old homestead. One may linger here until he can renew his youth and his imagination again run riot with visions of stealthy painted Indians being slain by the unerring rifle of the great Long Knife as Daniel Boone was known to them.

**A Public Park.** The first step toward the accomplishment of the work was the donation of five acres of land in Davidson county, 12 miles from Lexington, embracing the site of the Boone homestead and other points of interest, made famous in the early history of the hunter. Citizens of Davidson county subscribed funds for the erection of a replica of the cabin in which Boone lived. Citizens of Rowan county (which was formed from Davidson county in 1822) gave the monument, and the Daughters of the American Revolution of Salisbury contributed the bronze tablet for the shaft.

The memorial is a one story, double roomed, log structure, with clay chimney and shingles. An exact replica of the homestead built by Boone about 1755. Housed within it are numerous precious relics, such as guns, hunting knives, powder horns, and articles of clothing worn by the pioneer, as well as a cooking utensil used by his family. The cabin reposes snugly in a grove of majestic oaks, tottering with age, and nearby the rippling waters of the Yadkin river, where the Boone's did their fishing dance over the rocks and under the shade of the overhanging trees. Not far distant, on the river bank, is Boone's cave, or Devil's den, which the family is presumed to have used as a retreat when pressed by skulking Indians. The surrounding grounds have been artistically laid out to make the spot attractive.

**The Exercises.** The exercises today took place on a temporary stand erected near the cabin. The music was furnished by the Pilgrim string band, augmented by a large choir, the Churchland school, while 15 male students from the same school acted as marshals. Picnic dinner was served the visitors on the grounds.

The significance of the selection of the date for the dedication lies in the fact that April 30 is the 160th anniversary of the departure of the Boone family from Bucks county, Pennsylvania, for their new home on the banks of the Yadkin river, and the 141st anniversary of the departure of Daniel Boone from North Carolina for Kentucky.

It is a little known fact that not many miles away, in old Joppa cemetery, near Mocksville, Davis county, repose the remains of Daniel Boone's father and mother. The grave of squirrel Boone is marked by a simple headstone, which has been enclosed in a steel cage, to save it from relic hunters, which bears this literal inscription: "Squire Boone departed this life in their sixty-ninth year of his life in that year of our Lord, 1763, Genesary

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